Sri R ANANTARAMAN.—Which were the temporary courts that were closed?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is given in the next page. The courts that have been abolished are mentioned in page 6.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know where that list is pending at present ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—At present, it is not pending anywhere.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—What has happened to this list ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Rules have been framed and appointments made in accordance with the rules.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Copies of the rules were distributed in January.

Sri M LINGANNA.—Where is this particular list pending ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That issue itself is not pending.

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

Q.—324. Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them to separate the Judiciary from the Executive ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

A scheme for the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive has been formulated. The views of the High Court of Mysore, the Advocate-General in Mysore, the Bar Associations at District Headquarters and the District Magistrates of Districts were called for. Their views have been since received. The matter is under consideration of Government.

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Sri T. N. Mallappa, Judge, High Court of Mysore, has been constituted by Government to go into the question of redistribution of territorial and pecuniary jurisdiction of courts in the State and the report of the Committee is also awaited.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Is it not obligatory on the part of Government, under Article 50 of the Constitution, to effect the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive immediately ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is a directive in my opinion and we are trying to carry it out as early as possible.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—May I know whether there is any financial commitment if such a separation is effected ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Certainly.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Are the Government going to bring any Bill to effect the separation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think any Bill is necessary.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—In view of the fact that a report has been sent to the Government, are you going to bring any Bill ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The report of the Committee is also awaited. It has not yet been sent.

Ministerial Staff of the Judicial Department.

Q.—136. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is no uniform State-wide gradation list for all the Ministerial Staff of the Judicial Department and that there are different cadres, one to High Court and another for the subordinate judicial staff ; if so what are the reasons ;

(*b*) whether there is direct recruitment of the ministerial staff to the High Court or by promotion ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that there are cases of promotion from subordinate judicial staff overlooking seniority ; if so, how many, and for what reasons the seniority is disregarded ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Under the Constitution, appointments in the High Courts are distinct from appointments in the Subordinate Courts.